SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE

PROCEEDINGS

RE: JESSICA CAMERON, RN

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

License No. R044614

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Jessica Cameron, RN ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R044614; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 19, 2014, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") voted to unanimously mandate the Licensee into the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") to address her substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the Board advised the Licensee that her participation in HPAP was mandatory in order for her to maintain an active unencumbered single state license in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Licensee signed her Participation Agreement with HPAP in August of 2014; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 8, 2017, the Board received notification from HPAP that Licensee had been unsuccessfully discharged from the program; and

WHEREAS, based upon the above, the Board concluded that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively requires emergency action and that Licensee's actions constitutes

unprofessional conduct that may endanger the health and safety of persons entrusted in to her care and Licensee's license should be summarily suspended; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action against Licensee's license.
- 3. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the actions of the Licensee endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively require emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49 (4), (5), (7) and (10).
- 4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for "good cause."

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5. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a registered nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

6. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on its website and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law.

The South Board of Nursing met on the 16th day of November, 2017, and approved this Order of Summary Suspension by a vote of 10-0, and issues its Order of Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this day of December, 2017.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS

Executive Director

NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Jessica Cameron, RN, License No. R044614 ("Licensee") as follows:

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- Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on February 9, 2018, at 9:45 pm. at the office of the South Dakota Board of Nursing, 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.
- 3. The hearing will address the Board's assertion, as set forth in its Summary Suspension, that the Licensee, by her conduct, violated SDCL §§ 36-9-49 (4), (5), (7) and (10).
- 4. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether the Licensee's license shall be suspended, revoked or subject to other disciplinary action as determined by the evidence presented.
- 5. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after the service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.
- 6. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 6 day of December, 2017.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS

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